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The Honorable Stansfield Turner  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency

→ Attention: Office of Legislative Counsel

Dear Mr. Turner:

Enclosed are two copies of our draft report to the Congress on "Improved Oversight Needed to Evaluate the Classification of National Security Information." This report, prepared by our Logistics and Communications Division, was requested by the following congressional committees.

Subcommittee on Priorities and Economy in  
Government  
Joint Economic Committee

Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations  
Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs

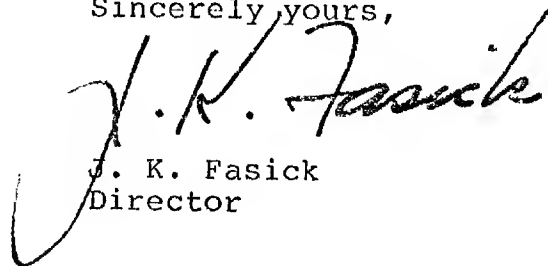
Subcommittee on Government Information and  
Individual Rights  
House Committee on Government Operations

Because of our commitment to the committees to issue the report before the December 1 effective date of Executive Order 12065, we are not requesting formal comments on the draft report. However, if you or your representatives wish to discuss specific points in the draft report, please call Mr. Robert M. Gilroy or Mr. Irving T. Boker at 275-6531 within 10 days of the date of this letter.

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Sincerely yours,

  
J. K. Fasick  
Director

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